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Listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith are several English-language documents. The Applicants respectfully request that these documents be listed as references cited on the issued patent. The Applicants note that, except for the Lee and Novak references, each citation contains both the month and the year of publication. The Applicants were unable to determine the month of publication of the Lee and Novak references; the two references are thus marked "month unknown." This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being mailed before the Applicants received a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the referenced application.

The Applicants note that the applications in the following list, which includes the referenced application, relate to different aspects of run-length coding/decoding and/or run-level coding/decoding. The applications in the list are assigned to Microsoft Corporation, in some instances have one or more inventors in common, in some instances arose out of the same development work, and in some instances have overlapping language in the specification and/or claims.

1. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/186,639;
2. U.S. Patent Application No. 11/322,912;
3. U.S. Patent Application No. 11/652,172;
4. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/826,971;

5. U.S. Patent Application No. 11/203,008; and
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